

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: September 14, 2016
 Start Time: 5:32 PM
 End Time: 7:15 PM

Present:

MSU Extension Office:

Mary Meyer

Augusta Livestock:

Baxendale Beavers:

Big Sky:

Wade Bratlien, Josie Hamilton, Karyn Hamilton, Dave Hamilton, Sean Maharg, Karen Bratlien

BHA:

BOA:

Michelle Gransbery

Bits & Bridles

Canyon Creek Stock:

Farm Kids:

Laurie Sullivan

Gold Nuggets:

Golden Livestock:

Isabelle Lowry, Kimberly Lowry

Haywire Kids:

Kountry Bumpkins:

Dora Lindner

LCL:

MT City Mavs:

Michelle Ostberg

Mt. Tractor Kids:

Rocky Mt. Livestock:

Scratchgravel Wranglers:

Gerald LaChere, Molly LaChere

Silver Creek Stock:

Dawn Schneider

Silver Spurs:

Sleeping Giants:

Janell Swanson, Kathy Swanson

Sweet Clovers:

Treaters & Feeders:

Wild Roses:

CJ Lassila

WYW:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	David Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges.	
Minute Approval	The minutes from July 18, 2016 meeting were read.	Karyn Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Michelle Gransbery seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg presented the Treasurer's Report. Livestock Account: Beginning Balance: \$15,092.01, Income: \$316,625.15, Expenses: \$332,954.54, Final: -\$1,684.13 Council Account: Beginning Balance: \$16,218.46, Income: \$5,931.71, Expenses: \$7,575.08, Ending: \$14,525.02	

<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs • Other 	<p><u>Outdoor</u> – Sean Maharg gave an update on the September Outdoor Meeting and fair. Earlier in the year there was discussion of mandatory workshops and he has asked the Jr. Superintendents to follow up on that item as well as other options in which information can get to the project members. Janell Swanson and Wade Bratlien will head up this task. Going forward, the committee recognize Superintendents and Jr. Superintendents as the voting members for those items that need to be voted. Items that deal with budget, policy, or rule change will be brought before Council for vote. We are looking at bringing Horse Committee back under the umbrella of Outdoor. The project will continue to meet; however, all voting items for the Horse project will come to the Outdoor Committee. Horse Superintendent will be voted at Outdoor Committee along with incoming Superintendents for the year.</p> <p><u>Indoor</u> – Dora Lindner reported the committee has not met yet since fair. Everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting. Dora noted there will be some changes to the Superintendents this next year. She reported it worked well having everything over at the Exhibit Hall and looked forward to doing the same for next year. Educational displays seemed to work well and will be considered again for next year. Please forward any fairs ideas or concerns to Dora prior to their meeting.</p> <p><u>Ambassador</u> – Janell Swanson reported on the upcoming Fall training opportunities. The annual 4-H Open House will be October 8th and we still need participation from projects, etc. Set up is at 11AM and Open House is from 1 PM to 3 PM. Awards Night will be October 29th with Star Wars being the theme. Window display will be October 3rd with decorations for National 4-H Week. Ambassadors will be doing the judging this year. The Camp meeting will be September 18th at 3 PM with Teen Leaders following at 4 PM for a debriefing of the year. Also, October 8th is Murdoch's BBQ and Silver Spurs will be working the BBQ as a club fundraiser.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Nothing to report at this time. Next meeting will be October 3rd at 5:30 PM at the Extension Office. There are several board positions open.</p> <p><u>Extension Office</u> – Mary Meyer reported on the September 26 or 27 workshops at 5:30 PM at the Extension Office for new Club Leader as well as returning Leaders. Please plan on attending one or the other workshops. Information for enrollment will be available as well as information sharing. Fair went well overall with the exception of behavior. We need a global conversation regarding behaviors and holding one another accountable for our behaviors and being good role models for the youth. Mary reported on those families that hosted animals for members new to animal projects that are unable to house their own stock. It seemed to go well and Terry Gautherie is interested in continuing the opportunity.</p>	
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	<p><u>New Leaders</u> – Dave Hamilton welcomed Gerald and Molly LaChere as the new leaders for the Scratchgravel Wranglers. Carmen is stepping down.</p> <p><u>District 6</u> – We are looking for a District 6 Representative. This position is a state level position.</p> <p>Club reports – none to report.</p> <p><u>News Article on 4-H</u> - CJ Lassila reported on August 17th, 4-H made the IR both in photo and an article for sports fishing and helping FWP in moving those fish that were stuck in isolated pools to the main body of water to help save the fish. The kids were interviewed and spoke about their experience with the project and 4-H in general. Noted was the article was carried across the state and nationally by the Associated Press.</p> <p><u>Bylaws</u> – see new business.</p> <p><u>Awards</u> – Dave Hamilton announced we do not have a chair and would be interested in a meeting to discuss what the committee looks like, what it does and how it will work. If you are interested, please contact him.</p> <p><u>Building</u> – Nothing to report at this time.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting at Committee Meeting / Council • Nomination Committee • Other 	<p><u>Voting at Committee Meetings / Council</u> – Dave Hamilton brought to discussion the voting issues at the committee and Council level. The concern of how the two votes is working at Council and trying to determine the benefit to dual club votes. The difficult lies in determining which clubs are voting, etc. and making the voting more fair among the clubs. Dave recommends simplifying the process and will be putting more information in the newsletter for voting in October. Committees voting will be done within the committee among the members. Items coming out of the committee will brought to Council and go to the clubs. Council should vote budget items for non budgeted items, rule in exhibitor handbook, and policy type items. Voting committee members would be Superintendents and Junior Superintendents as a place to start. Dave wants to ensure that everyone has a voice, especially the kids. There are times when decisions will need to be tabled and brought to a subcommittee level for further discussion and vetting for a recommendation to be brought back to the committee and perhaps Council. Contentious items outside of the Council voted list above will be brought to Council for vote.</p> <p><u>Nomination Committee</u> – Kim Lowry reported on the following nominations:</p> <p>President: several for Dave Hamilton; Treasurer: several for Michelle Ostberg; Youth Members: Josie Hamilton, Wade Bratlien and Janell Swanson;</p>	

	<p>District 6: Gerald LaChere and Angela Corbally; Foundation: Gerald LaChere and Catherine McNeil.</p> <p>Officers will be voted on at the October meeting.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Fair • Council Bylaws Update • Budget • Tagging Multiple Animals • Livestock Project Fees 	<p><u>Review of Fair</u> – Dave Hamilton opened the floor for discussion. Compliments went to the various judges and a big thank you to the fairgrounds for the terrific support especially from the Horse project. Thank you to the Outdoor folks that helped as well and those that helped with the changes in the Pig Barn. It was good to have the BHB open to the public for folks to view our displays and entry way into the Pig Barn. Karyn Hamilton did a great job being an ambassador for the building and manning it during open hours. Suggested that clubs may want to be a part of manning the BHB when it is open. Dave thanked the volunteers of fair and making it a success.</p> <p><u>Council Bylaws Update</u> – Dave Hamilton gave an update of the Foundation's 501(c)(3) application and structure changes which include consolidation of Council being under the Foundation umbrella. We need to make a constitution instead of the current bylaws under this new structure. A meeting will be scheduled to get this project completed. Jana Gruber and Karyn Hamilton expressed interest in participating. Officers are automatically on the committee. The committee will work to get the draft of the constitution presented for October and vote in November.</p> <p><u>Budget</u> – Michelle Ostberg gave an update on the new process and asked for budgets and any changes be back to Janet by September 30, 2016. Michelle will send Superintendents and Leaders their budgets.</p> <p><u>Tagging Multiple Animals</u> – Sean Maharg gave an update and reviewed the handout. This item has been on the agenda multiple times in the past and comes forward to Council with for a motion. Sean reviewed the discussion points raised in the meeting along with deadline dates and graduated fines for missed dates as well as an animal lost after the deadline date be brought forward to Overall Superintendent and Extension Agent for determination. Declaration of the animal at a certain date was discussed at length along the paperwork involved with tagging multiple animals. Concern was the amount of time the initial paperwork takes along with last minute changes. Family animals were also discussed. Sean noted this is a starting point and hoping to find a balance between the both ends of the spectrum.</p> <p><u>Livestock Project Fees</u> – Sean Maharg gave an update and reviewed the handout. This item is being brought forward due to multiple reasons such as the age of our equipment and wear tear on those items including panels, doors, modifications to the barn, etc. Discussed was a \$10 enrollment fee for all Livestock members</p>	

	including dog and horse projects to help with these types of needs for the Livestock projects. Projects were also encouraged to participate in fundraising for their specific equipment needs.	
Announcements •	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BHB Clean Up Day – A work party for moving equipment back into the Pig barn after Fair will be held on Saturday, September 17 at 8 AM. An announcement will be sent. Indoor Meeting – September 19th / Extension Office at 5:30 PM Foundation Regular Meeting / Extension Office Outdoor Meeting – October 10th / BHB at 5:30 PM 	
Next Meeting	Michelle Ostberg made a motion to adjourn.	